Tiruvellore

Thanjavur

Tirunelveli

Palayamkottai

Trichy

Manchanalur

Somarasampet

Sriransam

Tiruverumbur

Tirvpara thurai

Tuticorin

Harbour

Udumalpet

Uthukuli

Vallam

Valliyoor

Valparai

Vaniyaambadi

Vellakoil

Villupuram

Virudhunagar

Vellore

**Ban on Smoking**

2578. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more people die from smoking in India than those from road accidents, alcohol and AIDS taken together;

(b) what is the estimated number of casualties due to smoking-related diseases every year in India during the last three years; and

(c) whether Government propose to ban smoking as has been done by the Olympic Committee during the forthcoming 1992 Olympics?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) to (c) It is estimated that about 6 to 10 lakh people die due to tobacco related diseases every year in India.

The measures undertaken to reduce the consumption of tobacco products include:

(i) educating the masses against the use of tobacco products by highlighting its evil effects on health like cardiovascular diseases, hypertension, oral and lung cancer etc.

(ii) introduction of legislation for ban on advertisement of cigarette and tobacco products.

(iii) printing of statutory warning on cigarette packets.

**Land Allotted to Balamral Cooperative Housing Society in Secunderabad**

2579. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR:
SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that exemption under section 20A of the Urban Land Ceiling Act (ULC) was granted to M|s. Balamrai Cooperative Housing Society by the Ministry on the 18th May, 1985 for nearly 40 acres of land at Secunderabad Cantonment, Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the said society sought exemption on the basis that it would provide house sites to poor and homeless people, particularly weaker sections;

(c) whether it is also a fact that contrary to the above assurance, most of the allottees of plots by this society are affluent people, including senior officers of the Ministry of Defence and its subordinate offices and their children and relatives;